

# **LINCOLN WATER COMMISSIONERS**

**February 13, 2008**

**The regular monthly meeting of the Lincoln Board of Water Commissioner was held at the Lincoln Water Commission Office with Commissioners Kay, Smith, Conklin, and Hadley present. Commissioner Kelly was absent. Also present was Water Superintendent John S. Faile.**

**In Chairman Kelly's absence, upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Conklin, it was VOTED: That Commissioner Smith is elected acting chairman for the meeting. That leaving the position of Secretary vacant, Commissioner Hadley was elected Acting Secretary for the meeting.**

**Acting Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.**

**Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Conklin, it was VOTED: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. APPROVED.**

## **MONTHLY REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

**Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Hadley, it was VOTED: That the Superintendent's Report for the month of January is accepted and ordered placed on file. APPROVED.**

## **MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Kay, it was VOTED: To accept the Financial Report for the month of January and ordered placed on file for audit. APPROVED.**

## **CREDIT REPORT**

**The Credit Report for the month of January will be placed on file.**

## **CAPITAL ACCOUNTS**

**The Board was presented with the monthly statement of investments, encumbrances, and amounts available for capital projects for their information.**

## **MONTHLY INVOICES**

**Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Hadley Accounts Payable in the amount of \$192,336.92, Accounts Payable Lincoln Finance \$4,164.12 and Direct Payments in the amount of \$64,221.90 are approved for payment. APPROVED**

## **ABATEMENTS**

**Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Conklin, senior abatements of surcharges in the amount of \$305.35 were approved as follows:**

**\$14.13 to Norman Benoit of 214 River Road; \$11.14 to James Connor of 1 Duxbury Court; \$36.42 to Mark Harrison of 3 Hollywood Lane;**

**\$9.61 to Francis Choquette of 31 Union Street; \$26.36 to George Farrell of 5 Raymond Street; \$18.62 to Carol O'Neil of 18-20 Maplehurst Street; \$44.03 to Dorothy Chute of 106 Grove Street; \$37.51 to Michael Kraseiko of 378 River Road; \$13.31 to Jose Macedo of 11 Andrews Drive; \$61.16 to John Celona of 8 West Butterfly Way; and \$33.16 to Charles Economou of 40 Holiday Drive. APPROVED.**

## **ACCOUNT ADJUSTMENT REPORT**

**The Account Adjustment report will be placed on file.**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Communication from Mr. Raymond C. Kelly informing the Board of Water Commissioners that he will retire as Chairman and as a member of the Board effective March 1, 2008 was read by the secretary. Following lengthy discussion of Mr. Kelly's many years of service and dedication and of how he will be missed, a motion by Commissioner Kay seconded by Commissioner Conklin, it was VOTED: to accept Mr. Kelly's resignation with regret. APPROVED**

**a) Communication from Rhode Island Interlocal Risk Management Trust informing the Board of a \$1,350.00 credit as a result of a workers' compensation audit will be forwarded in check form to the board will be placed on file following deposit of the check.**

**b) Correspondence to Gary Chobanian at the Rhode Island Department of Health from the Superintendent, informing him that a**

**implementation of a Lincoln Water Commission water main replacement and relining program in the amount of \$8,838,200.00 as a Fiscal year 2009 Priority Project will be postponed pending further review of the Commission's financial status is placed on file.**

**b-1) The Rhode Island Water Resources Board drought plan request will be responded to and placed on file.**

**b-2) The Superintendent responded to a request for Colleen Marshall requesting a rebate for installing the Smart sprinkler system.**

**b-3) The Superintendent will contact the Rhode Island Laborers' Union District Council to set a time, date, and meeting place to begin contract negotiations.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**a) A notice of a special election for the District 5 seat in Manville on April 15, 2008 at St James Church Manville was presented to the Board from the Lincoln Town Clerk.**

**b) Discussion with the Town of Smithfield Water Department for an emergency connection on George Washington Highway will continue and the Superintendent will keep the Board updated.**

**c) Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by**

**Commissioner Kay; and upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Hadley, Change orders 1 and 2 from Chicago Bridge and Iron are approved and the superintendent is authorized to execute both.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**a) The Superintendent informed the Commissioners of a recent trip he made to Washington DC to request federal assistance from Congressmen Whitehouse and Kennedy and Senator Reed. Expenses for this trip were covered by the Atlantic States rural Water and Wastewater Association.**

**b) Upon motion of Commissioner Hadley, seconded by Commissioner Conklin the purchase of a new pickup truck is awarded to Pride Ford as low bidder in the amount of \$14,184.00 APPROVED.**

**b-1) Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Conklin, it was VOTED to declare the 1997 Chevrolet 1500 pickup truck as surplus property, place on the lawn with a “for sale by bid” sign and accept the highest bid over the minimum of \$2000.00. APPROVED**

**c) The Board will purchase one box of toilet tank banks for distribution to customers free of charge as part of our conservation effort.**

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a) The Water Commissioners and Attorney Dan McKinnon will meet with the Lincoln Town Council at the Town Council work session on March 17th to discuss proposed State charter changes.**

**b) The monthly safety report will be placed on file**

**The Superintendent informed the Board of a possible request from customer Mike Berman for assistance in payment for a service line that was broken and needs to be repaired on his private property in the mill yard. Mr. Berman was invited to attend the meeting and address the Board but he did not appear.**

**Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Conklin, it was VOTED: To adjourn to executive session in accordance with RIGL 42-26-5a (1) – 9 to discuss personnel matters at 7:17 PM.**

**Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Kay, it was VOTED: To seal the minutes of the closed session in accordance with RIGL 42-26-7c.**

**Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Hadley, it was VOTED: To return to the regularly scheduled meeting.**

**Upon motion of Commissioner Kay, seconded by Commissioner Conklin, it was VOTED: That the Superintendent draws up, negotiate, and execute a one year contract for the position of a GIS consultant. The contract will include a salary of \$52,500.00, a 20% health insurance co pay, ½ sick day per month, paid holidays, and no paid vacation. APPROVED**

**Upon motion of Commissioner Conklin, seconded by Commissioner Kay, it was VOTED: To adjourn at 8:03 PM. APPROVED**